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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director, Plans
Acting Chief, Development Projects Division

SUBJECT: TALENT Coverage of Cuba

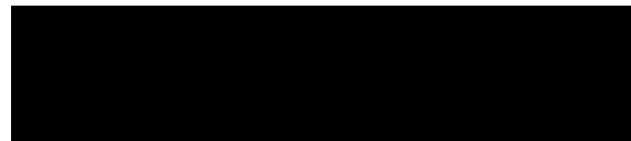
1. Your approval of paragraph 4 is requested.
2. The COMOR has today reviewed the need for weekly coverage of the Guantanamo area and Havana. CINCLANT continues to consider the need for surveillance on a weekly basis critical.
3. The last mission provided current information on all targets of interest in Cuba. There was at that time no indication of military buildup in the vicinity of Havana which would suggest imminent hostilities on the part of the Cubans. However, since there exists an elaborate trench network around Guantanamo and since it is possible for Castro to amass as many as twenty thousand men within forty-eight hours in the area for attack on the base, it is imperative that we check anew to see what development has taken place.
4. As far as COMOR knows there is no new development in terms of estimates of possibilities of anti-U.S. military efforts by Castro nor any imminent needs for evacuation of U.S. personnel from the Havana area. The situation remains tense, however, and for the U.S. Military Forces to be able to respond immediately and effectively in the event of an emergency, the specific recoverage of Havana and Guantanamo is necessary.

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5. Recommendation: It is recommended that as soon as feasible TALENT coverage of Guantanamo area and the Havana area be obtained.

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JAMES Q. REBER
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CONCUR:

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STANLEY W. BEERLI Date
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Acting Chief, DPD/DDP

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RICHARD M. BISSELL JR. Date
Deputy Director
(Plans)

The recommendation contained in paragraph 5 is approved:

*Not needed if mission
already land on.*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Date _____

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